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SUBJ: PERON'S TV INTERVIEW

1. SUMMARY: IN A 90 MINUTE INTERVIEW WITH 3 JOURNALISTS
TELEVISED MONDAY NIGHT SEP 3, PERON WAS QUESTIONED ON A
WIDE VARIETY OF SUBJECTS. HIS COMMENTS ON A FEW OF THE
MORE IMPORTANT OF THOSE SUBJECTS FOLLOW. END SUMMARY.

2. YOUTH - ADMITTING THAT IN 1945 THERE HAD BEEN CLASHES
WITH YOUTH, WHICH AT THAT TIME HAD NOT BEEN FAVORABLE TO
PERONISM, PERON SAID IN EFFECT THAT YOUTH AND PERONISM WERE
NOW ON THE SAME COURSE, "OUR YOUTH ARE THE FUTURE OF THE
NATION", HE SAID. IN AN APPARENT REFERENCE TO JULIO YESSI,
A PROTEGE OF LOPEZ REGA AND YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE ON THE
CONSEJO SUPERIOR, PERON STATED HE HAD NOT YET MET WITH YOUTH
LEADERS BECAUSE HE WAS WAITING FOR "A NATURAL DECONTATION".
HE SAID HE WANTED THE YOUTH TO ORGANIZE WITH THEIR AUTHENTIC
REPRESENTATIVES AND NOT WITH THOSE THAT LIVED OFF POLITICAL OR
LABOR LEADERS. HE ADDED, THAT IT WASN'T YOUTHS' TURN TO RULE
YET BUT THAT AFTER THE EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT WHICH WILL LAST
3 YEARS, THEY WILL HAVE THE REINS.

3. PERON'S DEATH - WHEN ASKED ABOUT THOSE PERSONS WHO HAD
WANTED HIS DEATH FOR 18 YEARS BUT NOW DON'T WANT HIM EVEN TO
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CATCH A COLD, PERON REPLIED TO THE EFFECT THAT HE HAD HEARD
OF THIS PHENOMENON. HE ADDED THAT THEY HAVE WAITED A LONG

TIME. NOW THEY WANT HIM TO LIVE BUT HE WILL SOON DIE HE SAID.

4. AFTER PERON - IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION REGARDING WHAT WILL HAPPEN AFTER HIS DEATH, PERON SAID THAT THERE WOULD BE EITHER INSTITUTIONALIZATION OR A DANGEROUS UPHEAVAL. HE ADDED THAT GIVEN THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES HE DIDN'T THINK THE LATTER WOULD OCCUR BECAUSE THE MOVEMENT HAD NOT BEEN CONDUCTED IN A RIGID MANNER. COMMENT: JUST HOW THE "INSTITUTION" OF THE JUSTICIALISTA MOVEMENT WITH ALL ITS DIVERSE ELEMENTS (WHICH ACCORDING TO PERON IS ONE OF ITS STRENGTHS) WOULD BE ABLE TO EFFECT A SMOOTH TRANSITION OF POWER IF PERON DIED IN OFFICE IS HARD TO IMAGINE. END COMMENT.

5. THE ARMED FORCES - PERON SAID HE THOUGHT THE ARMED FORCES SHOULD BE LEFT ALONE TO DO THEIR JOB. HE ADDED THAT THEY HAD TO BE IN CONTACT WITH THE POLITICAL FORCES BECAUSE TODAY THE WAR IS NOT ARMY AGAINST ARMY BUT RATHER ONE NATION WITH ALL ITS RESOURCES AGAINST ANOTHER. HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT HALF OF THE DEFENSE PACTS HAVE NO REASON FOR EXISTANCE.

6. LATIN AMERICAN COMMUNITY - PERON AFFIRMED THE CONTENTION THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF FORMING A LATIN AMERICAN COMMUNITY WAS COMPLICATED BY THE FACT THAT BRAZIL WITH ITS ABUNDANCE OF NATURAL RESOURCES HAD SUCH STRONG ECONOMIC TIES TO THE US. HE STATED THAT THE WAY TO STRUGGLE AGAINST "A SUBIMPERIALIST LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRY" WOULD BE FOR THE OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE AREA TO CREATE A LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY AND A LATIN AMERICAN COMMON MARKET.

7. ECONOMIC POLICY - NOTING THAT IN HIS FIRST ADMINISTRATION HE HAD STARTED THE PROCESS OF INDUSTRIALIZATION AND THAT AGRI-CULTURE HAD BEEN SECONDARY PERON SAID THAT THE SITUATION HAD NOW CHANGED. SAYING THAT THE WORLD HAD BEGUN A "A PROTEIN WAR" PERON EXPRESSED THE DESIRE TO SEE ARGENTINA PRODUCE 200 MILLION TONS OF WHEAT AND TO HAVE 250 MILLION HEAD OF CATTLE. COMMENT: FAS ESTIMATES THAT ABOUT 7 MILLION TONS OF WHEAT WERE PRODUCED LAST YEAR AND A CATTLE POPULATION OF ROUGHLY 50 MILLION.
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